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FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM NEWSOM

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SUBJECT: ZIONISM RACISM EQUATION

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN BELGRADE
URGED THAT THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE BE BROUGHT UP AT THE
FORTHCOMING WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND NATIONAL
DISCRIMINATION. IF Z-R IS INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL REPORT
OF THE WCCRND ,THEN IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE RAISED AGAIN
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DURING THE UNGA THIS FALL, WITH PREDICTABLY UNHAPPY
CONSEQUENCES. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS TO MINIMIZE
THE IMPACT OF THIS ISSUE. BEFORE CONFERENCE OPENS ON
AUGUST 15, WE WILL CIRCULARIZE THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE
EITHER OPPOSED THE ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION IN THE PAST OR
WHICH IN OUR JUDGMENT WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR APPEALS.
THIS ISSUE CAN OF COURSE HAVE A DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE EFFECT

ON OUR EFFORTS TO BRING PROGRESS TO THE PEACE PROCESS,
PARTICULARLY IF EGYPT IS SEEN TO BE TACITLY SUPPORTIVE OF,
OR EVEN INDIFFERENT TO THIS EFFORT TO ISOLATE AND
HUMILIATE ISRAEL. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO TALK TO
THE EGYPTIANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GAIN WHATEVER
COOPERATION IS POSSIBLE AND TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS

ABOUT OUR OWN EFFORTS. SINCE SADAT IS UNAVAILABLE,
PLEASE APPROACH KAMEL URGENTLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE UNGA RESOLUTION OF 1975 (3379) EQUATING ZIONISM
AND RACISM ADDED AN ABHORENT AND EXTRANEIOUS ELEMENT TO
THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AGAINST RACISM AND,
MUCH TO OUR REGRET, MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED
STATES, ON BOTH POLITICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL GROUNDS, TO
PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER THE UN DECADE
AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION;

-- ON THE BASIS OF DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS,
WE HAD HOPED THAT THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE WOULD BE
ALLOWED TO LAPSE.

-- HOWEVER, AT THE RECENT MEETINGS OF THE ISLAMIC
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN DAKAR, THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
COORDINATING BOARD IN HAVANA AND THE RECENT NON-ALIGNED
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BELGRADE, THE ZIONISM-RACISM
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LINKAGE WAS EXPLICITLY REAFFIRMED. THE ACTION OF THE
BELGRADE MEETING WAS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN THAT IT
CALLED UPON THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, WHICH OPENS IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 14,
TO TAKE ACTION REAFFIRMING THE ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE.

-- THE WORLD CONFERENCE WILL BOTH REVIEW THE RESULTS OF
THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO
DATE AND CHART THE COURSE OF THIS EFFORT OVER THE COMING
YEARS. IF THE WORLD CONFERENCE WERE TO REAFFIRM THE
ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE, THIS WOULD SERIOUSLY INHIBIT THE
CONTRIBUTION OF THE U.S. TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM
AND WOULD CREATE A VERY UNFAVORABLE VIEW AMONG THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE OF BOTH THE UN AND THOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH WERE PERCEIVED AS PUSHING THIS ISSUE.

-- FURTHERMORE, IF THE WORLD CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS THE
ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE, THIS VERY DIVISIVE AND EXTRANEIOUS
ISSUE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE INJECTED INTO THE UPCOMING
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.

-- SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, WE WILL BE FACED THIS FALL WITH

AN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE IN NEW YORK WHICH W-LL HAVE VERY
SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS BOTH FOR THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE

MIDDLE EAST, AND FOR THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES TOWARDS THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH SEEM TO
SUPPORT A Z-R RESOLUTION.

-- WE REGARD THE EFFORTS OF SOME ARAB COUNTRIES TO REVIVE
THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO
COMPLICATE OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A JUST
SETTLEMENT TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THIS
RESPECT, THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE IS AIMED AS MUCH AT
EGYPT AS IT IS AT ISRAEL OR THE UNITED STATES.

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-- THUS WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO
THE WORLD CONFERENCE JOIN WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS IN
OPPOSING ANY REAFFIRMATION OF THE ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF EGYPT WILL
COOPERATE WITH THIS APPROACH, WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO
SUPPORT ITS POSITION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE
POSTURE WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE HARDLINE ARABS.

3. PLEASE SEND RESULTS OF YOUR CONVERSATION BY IMMEDIATE
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